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SUBJECT: 1975-76 US-ROMANIAN PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES--IMPLE-
MENTING CONDITIONS

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1. DEPARTMENT DESIRES SUBSTITUTE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH
(APPROVED INITIALLY IN BUCHAREST 5688, II B. AND BY
ROMANIANS) FOR NEW ARTICLE II, PARAGRAPHS B AND C. QUOTE.
THE RECEIVING SIDE WILL PROVIDE A DAILY ALLOWANCE FOR
LODGING, FOOD AND INCIDENTALS. FOR 1975-76 THIS RATE WILL
BE DOLLARS 40 PER DAY FOR ROMANIAN PARTICIPANTS AND 130 LEI
PER DAY AND HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS FOR AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS.
FOR VISITS WHICH EXCEED 30 DAYS, THE RECEIVING SIDE WILL
PROVIDE A DAILY ALLOWANCE FOR LODGING, FOOD, AND
INCIDENTALS WHICH, IN NO CASE, WILL BE LESS THAN DOLS 20
PER DAY FOR ROMANIAN PARTICIPANTS AND 100 LEI PER DAY PLUS
HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS, FOR AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS. END QUOTE.

2. DEPARTMENT OBJECTION IS TO WORDING "FOR THE PORTION OF
THE VISIT WHICH EXCEEDS 30 DAYS" IN PARAGRAPH II C,
BUCHAREST 1878.

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3. AS DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS EMBASSY'S PROPOSED PARAGRAPHS B & C, EMBASSY INTENTION IS TO PROVIDE FULL PER DIEM RATE FOR FIRST THIRTY DAYS, AND A LOWER RATE FOR ALL ADDITIONAL DAYS. DEPARTMENT'S INTENTION, ON OTHER HAND, IS TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THOSE NOMINATED FOR 30 DAYS AND THOSE NOMINATED FOR 30-90 DAYS. IT IS NOT CU POLICY TO CHANGE PER DIEM RATES IN MIDDLE OF A PROGRAM. AS SITUATION NOW STANDS, IF A VISITOR WHO IS NOMINATED FOR 30 DAYS REMAINS A FEW DAYS LONGER, GRANT IS AMENDED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DAYS AT ORIGINAL PER DIEM RATE. LOWER RATE IS INTENDED FOR LONGER PROGRAMS WHERE VISITORS ARE OFTEN RESIDENT IN ONE OR MORE CITIES FOR LONGER PERIODS AND WITH CONSEQUENT LOWER COSTS. THE THIRTY DAY STIPULATION IS MEANT TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN TWO DIFFERENT TYPES OF VISITORS FROM ROMANIA. KISSINGER

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